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Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2024/01312**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 18 November:

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with the following information on veterans at risk of homelessness in your local authority:

- 1.
- 2.
3. The number of households in which a veteran is registered as living that have been at risk of homelessness
4. in your local authority, in each month since the start of the financial year 2018/19;
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. The number of households in which a veteran is registered as living that have been at risk of homelessness
9. in your local authority due to a Section 21 notice, in each month since the start of the financial year 2018/19;
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
13. The number of households in which a veteran is registered as living that are currently (as of November
14. 2024) at risk of homelessness in your local authority.
- 15.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Response

OCC seeks to help all customers in housing need including veterans and ensure they are provided with the help and assistance they require.

Although OCC does not currently specifically record on the housing database whether housing

applicants on the Housing Register are veterans, all housing applicants are asked for details on their circumstances and this is taken account when assessing their individual housing needs to ensure they are awarded priority to reflect their circumstances and treated fairly - including veterans.

For, example if a customer has had to leave the armed forces due to ill health or is homeless they will be awarded priority in accordance with the Council's Allocations Scheme (available on website: www.oxford.gov.uk) and treated as having a qualifying connection to Oxford (and exempt from the normal qualifying local connection criteria applied to other Housing Applicants). Similarly, homeless applicants, including veterans are offered help with securing private rented accommodation – with deposits, discretionary housing payments/rent tops based on their individual circumstances too. More information is provided on the Council website.

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in your local authority, in each month since the start of the financial year 2018/19;

No historic information is available and no current homeless applicants are recorded as being veterans at risk of homelessness.

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2024) at risk of homelessness in your local authority.

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If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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